



Friends of Nevada Wilderness
AmeriCorps Springs Monitoring Technician (Southern Nevada)
1700 Hour AmeriCorps Position Description

Host Site Supervisor: *Chantal Iosso, Friends of Nevada Wilderness*

Location: *Las Vegas, Nevada*

Schedule: *Flexible 40 hour week with frequent weekend and overnight travel*

Duration: *September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021*

Deadline to apply: *August 15, 2020 or until filled*

Compensation: Living allowance of \$614.58 disbursed biweekly and an education award of \$6,195.00 upon successful completion of 1700 hours.

Position Description:

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is bringing on two AmeriCorps Springs Monitoring Technicians to support spring monitoring efforts throughout Southern Nevada in 2020-2021. The Technicians will sample spring water quality, assist in spring restoration, support outreach communication and activities, and conduct data entry. The Technician may have the opportunity to conduct more intensive surveying of riparian vegetation or engage in invertebrate/vertebrate identification, soil/rock type classification, in-depth water chemistry analysis, or other sampling tasks depending on skills and interests. This position will involve a combination of field and office work.

Worksite Location(s):

The candidates will report to the southern Nevada office, located in northwest Las Vegas, with travel to areas within a 2-hour drive of the Vegas Valley. Due to the remote nature of the work sites, camping will be required some nights during the week and weekend at undeveloped, backcountry recreation sites. Reliable transportation to trailheads and office location is essential. This position does not have recurring access to vulnerable populations.

Main Responsibilities:

- Conduct basic springs monitoring (flow conditions, water quality, location) throughout Southern Nevada independently or with volunteers
- Lead volunteers in basic spring monitoring, prioritizing their safety and comfort
- Carefully and accurately collect large quantities of field data
- Conduct data entry of field data in an accurate and timely fashion
- Assist in outreach activities and media production to recruit volunteers and spread information, in person and via social media
- Capture photos of springs monitoring and volunteers in action
- Keep equipment clean and in working order at all times
- Comfortably work outside, often in remote location or challenging conditions

Qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older
- US citizen or equivalent
- High School Diploma/GED
- Able to hike up to ten miles per day with a 40-pound pack and sit for up to four hours at a time
- Basic computer skills including Microsoft Office Suite
- Self-motivated and attentive to detail working in a multi-task environment
- Current Driver's License and reliable transportation to trailheads and office

- Ability to work across differences
- Ability to work with a team or independently
- Experience with off-pavement driving, backcountry navigation and camping, field data collection, volunteer management and recruitment, and outreach are helpful
- Coursework in biology, geology, chemistry, environmental science, or equivalent experience is helpful

Notes:

- Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Nevada Outdoor School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices.
- There is no housing or transportation (except to stewardship projects and events from the office) provided with this position.

AmeriCorps Requirements:

- AmeriCorps members are expected to wear AmeriCorps logo or apparel while serving.
- The member will participate in three service days with *Nevada Outdoor School's AmeriCorps Program* and other community-wide events throughout the service year. Additionally, the member will participate in regular team meetings and trainings twice a month on Fridays at 9:00 am at the Nevada Outdoor School office, 655 Anderson St, Winnemucca, NV or via conference call. **Members may not miss more than 2 team meetings per term.**
- This description lists the minimum service requirements.
- Total hours per week: 40 hours; approximately 8-4 in the office and variable in the field.

To apply, please e-mail a cover letter and resume directly to employment@nevadawilderness.org with the subject line AmeriCorps Springs Monitoring Technician.

****Note: The AmeriCorps member responsibilities require a flexible schedule to be determined weekly or monthly with their supervisor. This position requires frequent weekend work.***